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Bridges

1. The railway bridge over the Nemunas River has been rebuilt of concrete since the end of the war.
2. The road bridge over the Nemunas River has also been rebuilt of concrete.
3. The bridge over the Nemunas River from Sanciai to Panemune has not been rebuilt.
4. The old wooden bridge over the Neris River to Viljampole (the former "Petras Vileisis" Bridge) is still in use.

Tunnel

5. The railway tunnel near the Kaunas Station has been rebuilt.

New Street Names

6. The following are some streets in Kaunas which have been renamed:

Former nameNew name

Ukmerges Plentas  
 Prusu Gatve  
 Vlodo Putvinskio Gatve  
 (former Kalnu Gatve)  
 Kanto Gatve  
 Laisves Aleja  
 Vytauto Prospektas  
 Misku Gatve  
 Luksio Gatve

Raudonosios Armijos Prospektas  
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Destruction of National Memorial

7. The gardens of the Lithuanian War Museum located on Duonelaicio street, in the block formed by Maironio, Daukanto, and Kalnu streets, contained the monument and grave of the Unknown Soldier, the monument of liberty, and monuments and memorial crosses of prominent Lithuanians. These gardens were greatly revered by the Lithuanians and were respected by the Soviet authorities until 1949 except for the burial in the gardens of the well-known Lithuanian Communist poetess Salomeja Neris who died in 1945 or 1946 and of four Communists who had been sentenced to death by a Lithuanian military court in 1926. At the end of 1949 and the beginning of 1950, however, all the Lithuanian monuments and memorials were removed and destroyed. They have now been replaced by statues of Soviet national heroes.

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